

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. Yarn blend of at least first and second yarns, said first yarn
5 comprising fluoropolymer fiber and said second yarn comprising at least one dyed or dyeable fiber comprising polyester, polyamide, or acrylic.
2. The yarn blend of claim 1 wherein said yarns are co-mingled.
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3. The yarn blend of claim 2 wherein said first yarn is undyed and said second yarn is dyed, the co-mingling of said yarns to form said yarn blend giving said yarn blend the appearance of the color of said second yarn.
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4. The yarn blend of claim 1 wherein said first and second yarns are twisted together.
5. The yarn blend of claim 4 wherein multiple ends of said yarn blend
20 are corded together.
6. Sewing thread comprising multiple ends of said yarn blend of claim 1.
- 25 7. Yarn blend of claim 1 wherein the elongation and tenacity of said second yarn is such that the overall tenacity of said yarn blend is at least 1 gpd greater than the first yarn by itself.
8. The yarn blend of claim 7 wherein the tenacity of said first yarn is at
30 least 2 gpd and the tenacity of said second yarn is at least 5.9 gpd, the elongation of said second yarn having an elongation which is greater than the elongation of said first yarn.
9. The yarn blend of claim 8 wherein the elongation of said second
35 yarn is less than 10% above the elongation of said first yarn.

10. The yarn blend of claim 1 wherein said first yarn is ethylene/tetrafluoroethylene copolymer having a tenacity of at least 2 gpd.
- 5 11. The yarn blend of claim 10 wherein said tenacity of said first yarn is at least 2.5 gpd.
12. The yarn blend of claim 1 comprising a greater number of first yarns than second yarns.
- 10 13. The yarn blend of claim 1 having a greater number of second yarns than first yarns.
14. The yarn blend of claim 1 wherein the tenacity of said second yarn is at least 6.5 gpd.
- 15 15. The yarn blend of claim 1 wherein said first and second yarns are selected from the group consisting of continuous filament yarn and staple fiber yarn.
- 20 16. The yarn blend of claim 1 containing at least two said second yarns, one of said second yarns being acrylic staple fiber and another of said second yarns being selected from the group consisting of polyester and polyamide.
- 25 17. The yarn blend of claim 1 comprising a core and a sheath, said second yarn being present in said core and said first yarn being present in said sheath.
- 30 18. The yarn of claim 6 additionally containing binder.
19. The yarn of claim 1 wherein said second yarns are polyester or polyamide.

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